

Shutesbury Board of Health

March 18, 2026, 7 pm

Virtual meeting

Present: Catherine Hilton, chair; Norene Pease, Arleen Read, Garrett Simonsen, board members; Claire Pless, guest. Absent: Wm Levine

Minutes of March 4 meeting were not distributed in time to be reviewed.

Norene will not run for reelection at Annual Town Meeting; Claire and Garrett are both on the ballot for the two available seats.

Norene and Garrett discussed the response to a release of heating oil at Shutesbury Elementary School, based on their attendance at Emergency Management Team meetings. No apparent health effects. Well will be tested.

Emergency Management Team is also taking an interest in managing beaver activity in Fiske Brook in order to protect the culvert under Lakeview Road. Trapping is legal until April 12.

Cat reported on efforts to perform emergency repairs to the Lake Wyola dam, which has a leak, prompting an additional lowering of the water level. Because the Lake Wyola Advisory Committee budget line was mistakenly cut from the FY 26 budget, the Board of Health voted unanimously to spend some \$960 from our budget for a water level gauge to be installed near the dam.

Arleen asked about the status of the condemned property at 56 Wendell Road; Cat reported that it's no longer in the hands of the Board of Health. She referred it to the Town Administrator, who said she would refer it to the Select Board.

Adjourn 7:30